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HOUSE BILL 2811

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By Representatives Sullivan, Lias, Quall, Haigh, Simpson, and Ormsby

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1            AN ACT Relating to creating the healthy student grant program;  
2 adding a new section to chapter 28A.630 RCW; and creating new sections.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the health of  
5 students is at risk due to overconsumption of nonnutritious food, lack  
6 of understanding or interest in sound nutrition and healthy lifestyle  
7 practices, and insufficient exercise and physical activity. Schools  
8 attempt to provide information to students about these risks through  
9 classroom instruction in health and fitness courses and physical  
10 education, but students need the opportunity for learning activities in  
11 health, fitness, and nutrition that are informative, positive,  
12 engaging, and fun. In many communities around the state,  
13 community-based organizations, hospital foundations, public health  
14 agencies, and clinics can offer such programs in partnership with the  
15 schools.

16            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.630  
17 RCW to read as follows:

18            Subject to funds appropriated for this purpose, the office of the

1 superintendent of public instruction shall allocate funds on a  
2 competitive basis to support the healthy student grant program created  
3 in this section. Healthy student grants shall be used to develop and  
4 offer innovative and engaging instruction and activities in health,  
5 fitness, and nutrition. School districts, community-based  
6 organizations, hospitals, public health agencies, and other  
7 organizations may submit grant applications. An application by an  
8 organization other than a school district must have a school district  
9 partner and the school district shall act as the fiscal agent. On an  
10 annual basis, the office of the superintendent of public instruction  
11 shall prepare a report on the activities supported by the grant program  
12 under this section.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act shall be known and cited as "the  
14 healthy student act."

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